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SUBJ: TRIPARTITE TANK GUN MAIN ARMAMENT EVALUATION

SECDEF PASS TO ODDR&E/IP (MR. R. BASIL)

1. WE NOTE A REUTERS' DISPATCH WHICH INDICATES THAT THE TRI-PARTITE TANK MAIN ARMAMENT EVALUATION HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND THAT THE UNITED STATES' CANDIDATE HAS WON THE COMPETITION. TEXT FOLLOWS.

BEGIN TEXT. AN AMERICAN TANK GUN AND SHELL ABLE TO PENETRATE NEW SOVIET T-72 TANK HAVE BEEN SELECTED BY A THREE-NATION NATO EVALUATION GROUP FOR THE NEXT GENERATION OF NATO TANKS, INFORMED GOVERNMENT SOURCES SAID TODAY. THE SOURCES SAID THE GROUP FROM WEST GERMANY, BRITAIN AND THE UNITED STATES WOULD MAKE ITS RECOMMENDATION KNOWN NEXT MONTH TO THE COUNCIL OF NATO ARMAMENTS DIRECTORS. THEY SAID THE GROUP FOUND THE AMERICAN 105-MILLIMETRE SHELL SUPERIOR TO BRITISH AND WEST GERMAN MAKES IN FIRING TESTS. END TEXT.

2. REQUEST WASHINGTON GUIDANCE AND COMMENTS FOR DISCUSSIONS HERE AT NATO. BRUCE

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